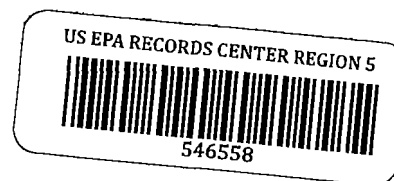


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## CONCURRENCES

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SURNAME	LALL							
DATE	4/8/97							



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EMERGENCY RESPONSE SECTION 1

SITE INVESTIGATION ASSIGNMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 21, 1996

TO: P.C. Lall

FROM: Jason El-Zein, Chief  
Response Section 1

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Thank you.

Attachment

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Site Investigation File  
Fred Weiss, City of Dearborn  
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MICHAEL A. GUIDO  
MAYOR

# CITY OF DEARBORN

*Home Town of Henry Ford*

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
ROMEO G. BETEA, DIRECTOR

November 15, 1996

Mr. Jason Elzein  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Response Section 1  
9311 Groh Road  
Grosse Ile, MI 48138

Dear Mr. Elzein:

Thank you for your telephone call of November 14, 1996. As we discussed during a tour of Dearborn with Mike Gifford and Laura Lodisio, EPA Region 5, viewing potential Brownfield redevelopment sites, we observed one site which contained a number of 50 gallon drums. This site was formally occupied by Automotive Finishes, Inc. 6430 Wyoming, Dearborn, Michigan which produced paint and related finishing products for the automotive industry.

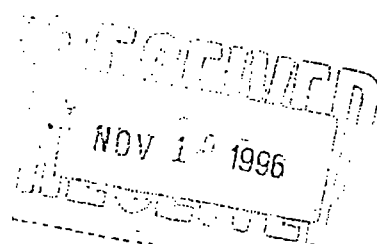
We believe this company is no longer in business and that the site is abandoned. Given the type of material the company produced, we are concerned about the possibility the drums might contain a hazardous substance. Your offer to look into this matter would be appreciated along with a report pertaining to the material stored at the site.

If you require any additional information, please telephone my office. Again, thank you for your assistance relating to this matter.

Sincerely,

Frederick D. Weiss  
Assistant Director

FDW/dc



MDES filled claim in Bankruptcy  
Court. The judge set aside \$ 85,000  
for site clean up. 11-19-72

NO ACTION on site so far. MDES  
will be tracking the PRP clean up  
ACTION.

APR 8 1997

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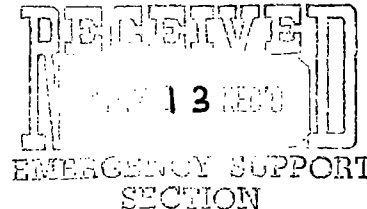
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Of Counsel

May 6, 1997

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Ms. Debora Dawley Haidar  
Emergency Enforcement & Support Section, SE-5J  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3590



RE: *Automotive Finishes, Inc., Bankruptcy Trustee, Fred J. Dery*

Dear Ms. Haidar:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation earlier this week, this letter shall confirm that you have granted us additional time to provide answers to the CERCLA Questionnaire and to coordinate the documentation in order to provide a full explanation of our answers to the questionnaire requested by the EPA.

As you know, Fred J. Dery was appointed Bankruptcy Trustee of Automotive Finishes, Inc., a.k.a. AFI, Inc. As a result of the Chapter 7 filing by AFI, Mr. Dery did not operate, possess, transport, purchase or undertake any other activities with respect to the property of AFI other than take control pursuant to his appointment by the Bankruptcy Court. As part of his duties as a Bankruptcy Trustee, Mr. Dery has the ability to acquire the necessary documentation in order to liquidate the assets of the estate for the benefit of the creditors however, documentation in bankruptcy cases is usually either destroyed, misplaced or conveniently not within the Trustee's control and therefore impossible or unlikely to uncover. Given the short time frame that is provided under CERCLA for the answering of the questionnaire, I am compiling as much documentation as necessary to inform you of the current circumstances regarding the property controlled by the Trustee.

I have been discussing the environmental issues with Dr. Camille Ajaka, the individual in charge of the clean-up for AFI. Dr. Ajaka works for Phillip Environmental. This company has been employed by the Bankruptcy Trustee to do the clean-up work. Dr. Ajaka informs me that the EPA is intimately involved and aware of the facts of this case. The EPA probably has a greater knowledge of the circumstances than does the Bankruptcy Trustee. Therefore, while the CERCLA information questionnaire I will forward to you may appear to be incomplete, please understand that I am not in a position where information is easily accessible. I understand that Mr. Spalding a representative of the EPA and an individual from Region 5 identified as E.Z. Lall have been out making site investigations and analysis of the chemical substances on the property. It might be more effective to speak with these individuals.

I expect to have the CERCLA Questionnaire provided to your office within seven (7) days from today's date with the additional documentation that is currently in my possession. Please feel free to contact me upon receipt of the CERCLA Questionnaire. If you deem that amendments are necessary, I will act accordingly. In the event you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me immediately.

Very truly yours,

BEADLE, BURKET & SWEET, P.L.C.

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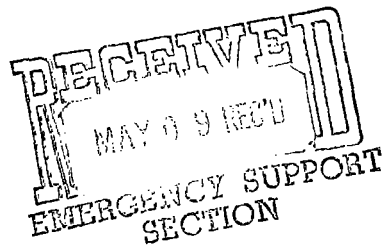
Thomas L. Beadle

TLB/cmh

cc: Fred J. Dery  
Samuel D. Sweet



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77 West Jackson Boulevard  
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Dear Ms. Haidar:

A letter from you to [Not Responsive] about Automotive Finishes, dated March 24, 1997, arrived at my home last month. Your letter appears to request information from [Not Responsive], [Not Responsive]. For your file, I am providing a copy of his certificate of death.

I see from the letter that a copy was sent to the trustee for Automotive Finishes. Hopefully the trustee can give you the information you need.

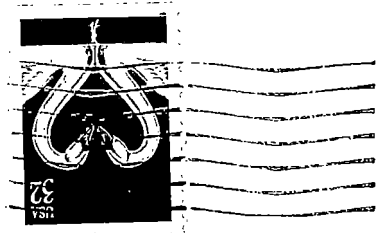
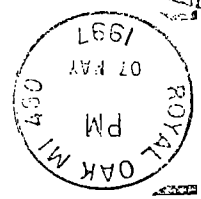
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United States Government Protection Agency  
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 Emergency Engineering & Support Section  
 171 West Jackson Boulevard  
 Chicago, Illinois 60604-3530

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 1705 HRT  
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Not Responsive

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Updated April 14, 1997

# REMOVAL ENFORCEMENT CHECKLIST

Legend: (ES) Enforcement Specialist (TM) Team  
(OSC) On-Scene Coordinator (T) Target  
(ORC) Attorney (A) Actual  
(V) Verbal (W) Written

SITE NAME/LOCATION: Automotive Finishes, Inc. (AFI)  
OSC: PC Lall  
ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST: Debora Dawley Haidar  
ORC: Peter Felitti

1. (OSC) DATE SITE ASSIGNED TO OSC: 12/2/96
2. (OSC) SITE ID REQUESTED/RISE FORM COMPLETED:
3. (ES) DATE SITE ASSIGNED TO ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST: 12/4/96
4. (ORC) DATE ATTORNEY ASSIGNED: originally 12/4/96, reassigned 12/16/96
5. (ORC) SITE ACCESS REQUESTED V: W: 12/96
6. (ORC) SITE ACCESS OBTAINED V: W: 12/96
7. (OSC) DATE OF SITE ASSESSMENT: 12/26/96
8. (ES) TEAM KICK-OFF MEETING OR CALL: 12/7/96
9. (TM) ESTABLISHED NEGOTIATION DEADLINE:
10. (OSC) DATE OF INITIATION OF SITE WORK T: A:
11. (ES) TITLE SEARCH REQUESTED/RECEIVED A: 2/5/97
12. (ES) 104(E) LETTERS A: 3/24/97 to owner, trustee
13. (ES) CONTRACTOR PRP SEARCH Not needed  
START T: A:  
COMPLETION T: A:
14. (ES) GENERAL NOTICE
15. (OSC) ACTION MEMO INTO SIGN-OFF:
16. (ES) ORDER T: A:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: On 2/3/97, PRP agreed to do drum remediation under state bankruptcy order. Once completed, OSC will determine if any further action is required, but for now, there is no EPA removal planned. A title search and information requests have been done to support any future EPA action.

PRP LEAD

Probable FUND LEAD



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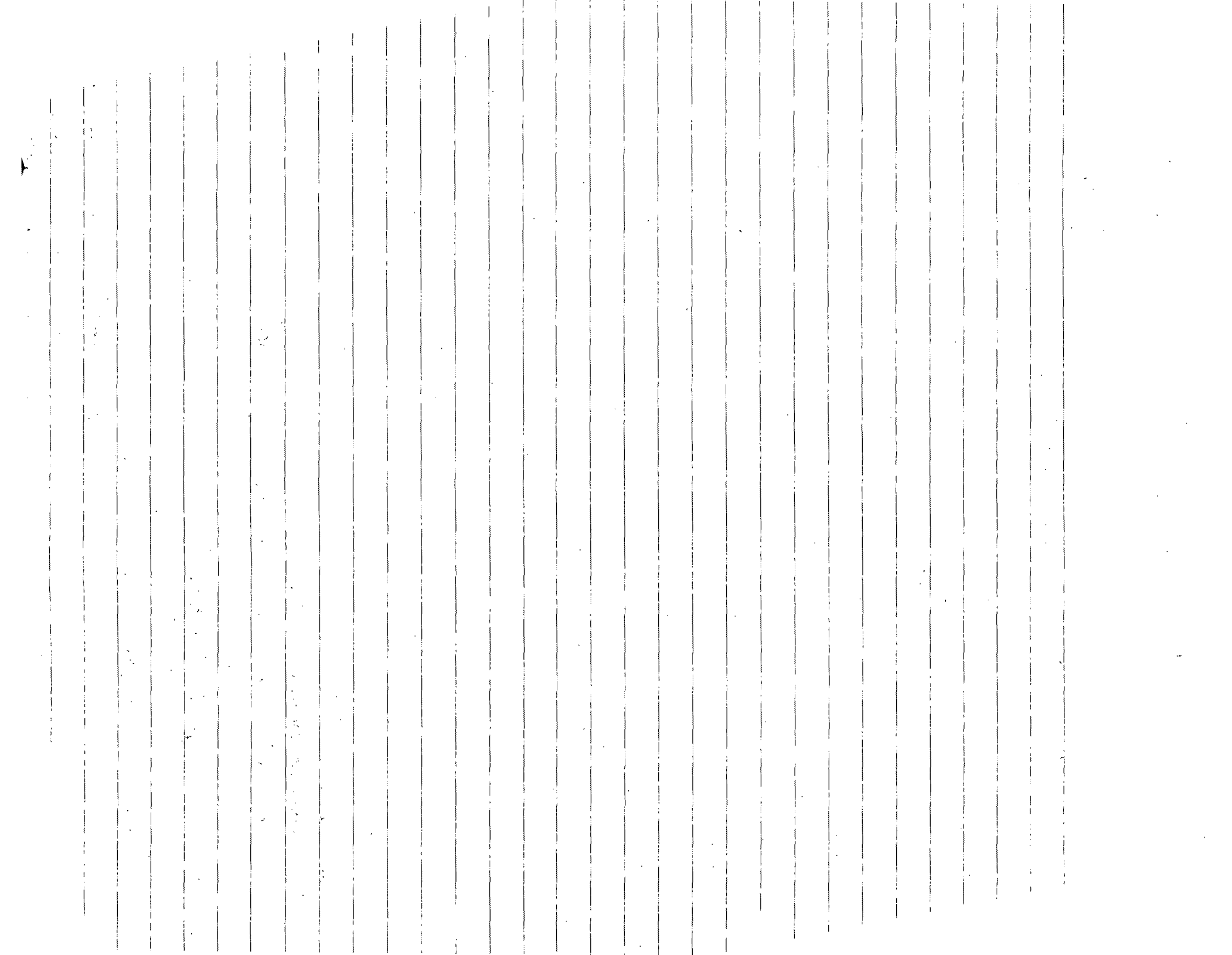
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12/6/96

# Notes & contacts

Jeanne Gulyman - MDEQ  
overseeing AFI sight

PC can stabilize now if nec.;  
3 day waiting period for bk-precy.  
comment  
proceed w/ 104(c)

(phone conv. w/ Peter Felitti 2/6/97)  
let him know title search is in  
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Waste Reduction Systems  
 10200 Ford Road  
 Dearborn, Michigan 48126  
 (313) 582-5866

Mr. Fred Dery  
 Trustee In Bankruptcy  
 Automotive Finishes Inc.  
 6430 Wyoming  
 Dearborn, Michigan 48126

11/20/96

Mr. Dery,

After further review of the Automotive Finishes Inc. site, we would like to offer the following firm prices for the removal of all hazardous and non-hazardous wastes as described below.

Outside the buildings of Automotive Finishes Inc.

Labeling, sampling, transporting, and disposal of the following:

		Totals
180 Hazardous solvent based sludge drums	\$196/dm	\$35280
70 Hazardous solvent drums	\$67.50/dm	\$ 4725
263 Non-Hazardous water based sludge drums	\$56/dm	\$14728
300-400 RCRA Empty Drums	\$ 9/dm	\$ 3600
67 Non-Hazardous solid drums (pebbles and stones)	\$35/dm	\$ 2345
50-75 Hours of on site labor	\$25/hr	\$ 1875
25 Hours of Transportation	\$70/hr	\$ 1750
1 25-yd roll-off rental	\$300/mth	\$ 300
1 Fork-truck rental	\$1000/mth	\$ 1000
22 Hazardous solvent sludge totes	\$ 500/tote	\$ 11000

Projected total

\$76,603.00

North Building

Labeling, sampling, transporting and disposal of the following:

60 Hazardous solvent based sludge drums	\$196/dm	\$11760
30 Hazardous solvent drums	\$ 67.50/dm	\$ 2025
10 Hours of Transportation	\$ 70/hr	\$ 700

Projected total

\$14,485.00

South Building

Labeling, sampling, transporting, and disposal of the following:

350 Paint Drums

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Co./Dept.			Co.	FINKBEINER	
Phone #			Phone #		
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RUTHSTEIN RANDEL

WASTE REDUCTION SYS

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**South building- cont'd**

350 Hazardous solid paint sludge drums  
 Bags of pigment, resins, and other solids  
 Assorted cans no larger than 1 gallon  
 Assorted containers from lab  
 300 Hazardous pails of paint  
 30 Hours of transportation

\$175/dm	\$ 61250
	\$ 2500
	\$ 1000
	\$ 2500
\$9.00/pail	\$ 5292
\$ 70/hr	\$ 2100

Projected total

**\$74642.00****Total project cost: \$165,730.00**

Analytical has been performed on the non-hazardous drums as well as the 500 gallon totes. Approvals are in place at the disposal facilities and waste removal can start immediately upon agreement of financial terms. The entire job will be completed in 10 business days. These days can be coordinated with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality if necessary, but should be in the near future to prevent freezing of the 253 water based drums.

All hazardous waste will be removed to a fully licensed and insured RCRA Part B Industrial Fuel Blending and Solvent Recycling facility. The treatment technologies that will be used on the specified waste streams are as follows: 1. Thermal Destruction at BIF Certified Industrial Cement kilns for waste solvents and off-spec paints, high TOC, low flash liquids. 2. Thermal Oxidation for low Btu/lb., low flash liquids, non-hazardous liquids and: corrosive liquids. All non-hazardous solids will be sent to a Subtitle "D" landfill at BFI Arbor Hills.

It is imperative that the waste removal occur before all of the water based drums freeze through. This makes them much more difficult to handle.

Please contact me at any time via pager at (313) 601-5902

Sincerely,



Chuck Conestrate  
 Waste Reduction Systems

## STATE OF MICHIGAN



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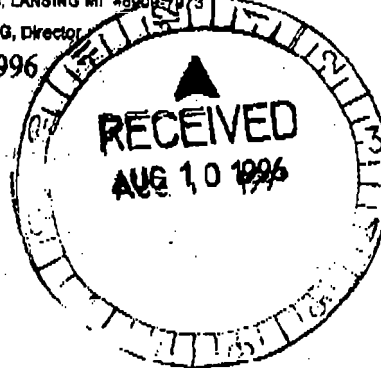
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LIVONIA MI 48152-1008

Mr. Sam Sweet  
Beatle, Burket & Sweet  
1607 E. Big Beaver, Suite 205  
Troy, MI 48083

Dear Mr. Sweet:

**SUBJECT:** File Audit  
Confirmed Release Date: July 16, 1991  
Location of Tank(s): Automotive Finishes, Inc.  
6430 Wyoming Avenue, Dearborn, Wayne County  
MERA #: 820358  
Facility ID #: 1145

Under the authority of Section 21315 of Part 213 Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451), the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Underground Storage Tank Division (USTD), has conducted an audit of the corrective actions undertaken as the result of a release from the underground storage tank (UST) systems formerly located at the above referenced site. The audit consisted of a complete review of all information currently in the USTD file for this facility.

Prior to requesting closure, additional site investigations and/or corrective actions are necessary in and around the two tank farm areas that have been identified at this facility. The following list of deficiencies must be addressed:

- The last site activity notice received by DEQ for this facility in January of 1994 proposed a "pilot test SVE system". If the system was installed and is in operation, USTD recommends that the system remain operational until all available data has been evaluated under the Risk-Based Corrective Action (RBCA) process, adopted by MDEQ-USTD in April of 1995. Prior to system shut down, all on-site monitor wells should be sampled.
- The Risk-Based Corrective Action (RBCA) process requires that the evaluation for remediation and/or closure of a site be based on the maximum soil and/or groundwater contaminant concentrations that remain on-site. Based on the following information contained in the file, the maximum contaminant concentrations for this facility are not known at this time:
  1. At the time of the UST removals (Tank Farm I and II), the fill pipes were identified as the source of the release. According to the Initial Abatement Report, dated July 1991, the piping tracts from the fill tubes to the 10,000 gallon USTs (Tank Farm I) and the piping tracts from the 10,000 gallon USTs to the pump manifold exhibited



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"visible holes" and "heavy corrosion"; the soils were "stained and residually saturated". Neither the floor or sidewalls of the Tank Farm I excavation piping tract area were sampled and the subsequent site investigations conducted did not address this area.

2. The "visibly contaminated" soils removed from Tank Farm I were returned to the excavation.
  3. Water which exhibited a product sheen was encountered in the Tank Farm I excavation pit after the USTs were removed from the ground and no monitor wells have been installed in this area to determine the extent of impact.
  4. The "visibly contaminated" soils removed from Tank Farm II were returned to the excavation.
  5. No sampling was conducted of the piping tract associated with the 6,000 gallon fuel oil UST removed from Tank Farm II. Site diagrams generated by the first consultant show that this piping extends from the top of the tank, west toward the shed, under the shed and into the existing one story building. No sampling was conducted of this piping tract when the UST was removed. Was this piping removed to determine the condition of it? Site diagrams do not show this area as excavated.
  6. At the time of the removal of the USTs from Tank Farm I, the piping was left in place and was to be addressed at a later date. According to the file, the only boring conducted close to the piping tract was SB-3; sample data from this boring indicates that some of the highest contaminant levels on the site are in this area, at a depth of 2-4 feet below ground surface.
- Diagram #2, submitted in the Report of Findings, dated December 9, 1993, indicates the locations of the majority of the utilities present on-site, with the exception of the sanitary sewer line. A Tier I evaluation under the RBCA process requires the identification and assessment of potential transport and exposure pathways. It will be necessary to determine the depth and engineered flow direction of all utilities and subsurface structures within the contaminated area and investigate them for the presence of groundwater and soil contamination. Given the site geology (predominantly clay), it is possible that elevated contaminant concentrations could have accumulated in the more permeable fill material surrounding these lines.
  - In July of 1991, when MDEQ (formerly MDNR) conducted a field investigation at this facility, soil contamination was evident in the area of the storm sewer manhole located near the underground storage tank fill tubes (Tank Farm I). Based on the site investigation data contained in the file, it does not appear as if this area has been adequately investigated. The sample collected by MDEQ in 1991 indicated elevated levels of contamination (TEX) were present. The data for the 4-6 foot sample collected from SB-13, does not appear to correlate with the PID readings or the description (strong petroleum odors) of these soils as noted on the boring log. It will be necessary to investigate this area further, with the possibility that contamination extends off-site.

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- The horizontal extent of contamination (declining concentrations) has not been determined in the area of Tank Farm I, the piping associated with Tank Farm I, or in the area of Tank Farm II. In other areas of the site, where high contaminant concentrations have been detected at a particular depth, samples at the same depth were not collected in the horizontal direction.
- The 45-Day Site Characterization Report, dated August 1991, indicates that after collecting the soils samples from the floor of both tank farms, that an additional 4 feet was excavated from the floor. No samples were collected from the floor after the additional soils were removed. It is recommended that soil borings be conducted within the area of the former UST excavations and that they be continuously split-spooned to determine the impacted zone(s) of the tank cavity backfill. The borings should be completed to the bottom of the UST cavity to the native clay soils to further define the vertical extent of contamination (i.e., demonstrate declining contaminant concentrations in these areas).

The owner or operator of this facility is required, under the provisions of Section 21315 of Act 451, to provide the additional information, as requested, related to the requirements of Part 213. It will be necessary to retain a consultant to address the above issues and conduct the additional sampling necessary to define the vertical and horizontal extent of soil and groundwater contamination above the current Tier 1 Residential criteria.

Within 30 days receipt of this letter, please supply to the Project Manager identified below in the form of a letter or schedule of activities how you intend to proceed with additional corrective actions.

This should not be construed as a sign-off on all investigations or corrective actions that may be necessary at this facility.

Please inform this office, in writing or by fax, at least two business days prior to initiating any on-site activities so that Division staff may be present if schedules permit.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Schlaufman  
Environmental Quality Analyst  
Underground Storage Tank Division  
313-953-1527

cc: Ms. Valerie Burgess-Byrd, MDEQ

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Drum #	Chemical Composition / Code	Waste Description	Remarks	Haz Block
1	WPD 0312	Sludge		No
2		Sludge		No
3		Sludge		No
4		Sludge		No
5	WRS	Sludge		No
6		Sludge		No
7	WPD 190	Sludge		No
8	WME 10081-A	Sludge		No
9		Sludge		No
10		Sludge		No
11		Sludge		No
12		Sludge		No
13		Sludge		No
14		Sludge		No
15		Sludge		No
16		Sludge		No
17		Water Sludge		No
18		Water Sludge		No
19		Water Sludge		No
20		Water Sludge		No
21	Solvent	Sludge		No
22		Water Sludge		No
23		Water Sludge		No
24		Water Sludge		No
25	U/43	Sludge		No
26	70	Sludge		No
27	70	Sludge		No
28	C746	Sludge		No
29	Polymeric Wax Dispersion	Sludge		No
30		Sludge		No
31		Sludge		No
32		Sludge		No
33	WME 10073-A	Sludge		No
34	70	Sludge		No
35		Sludge		No
36		Sludge		No
37		Sludge	No Label	No
38		Sludge		No
39		Sludge		No
40		Sludge		No
41		Water Sludge		No

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42		Sludge		No
43	011L	Water Base Sludge		No
44		Water Sludge		No
45		Water Sludge		No
46		Water Sludge		No
47		Water Sludge		No
48		Water Sludge		No
49		Sludge		No
50	70	Sludge		No
51		Sludge		No
52		Sludge		No
53	E-40	Sludge / Enamel Reducer		No
54		Sludge		No
55		Sludge		No
56		Sludge		No
57	70 / 0726	Sludge		No
58	0726	Sludge		No
59		Sludge		No
60	0732	Sludge		No
61	70 / WME 10061-A	Water Solid Sludge		No
62	60	Sludge		No
63		Sludge		No
64	601	Sludge		No
65		Sludge		No
66		Water base Sludge		No
67		Sludge		No
68		Sludge		No
69		Water Solid Sludge		No
70		Water Solid Sludge		No
71		Water base Sludge		No
72		Sludge		No
73		Sludge		No
74		Sludge		No
75		Water base Sludge		No
76		Sludge		No
77		Water base Sludge		No
78		Sludge		No
79		Water		No
80		Sludge		No
81		Sludge		No
82		Water Sludge		No

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Drum #	Chemical Composition / Code	Waste Description	Remarks	Haz Block
83		Water base Sludge		No
84	WPD 519	Sludge		No
85		Water Sludge		No
86		Sludge		No
87		Sludge		No
88		Sludge		No
89		Water Solid Sludge		No
90		Water		No
91		Sludge		No
92		Sludge		No
93		Sludge		No
94		Sludge		No
95		Water base Sludge		No
96		Sludge		No
97	100 HBE 9E99	Sludge		No
98		Water		No
99		Sludge		No
100		Sludge		No
101		Sludge		No
102		Sludge		No
103		Sludge		No
104		Sludge		No
105		Sludge		No
106		Sludge		No
107		Sludge		No
108		Sludge		No
109		Sludge	Partial Sludge	No
110		Sludge		No
111		Sludge		No
112		Sludge		No
113		Sludge		No
114		Sludge		No
115		Sludge		No
116		Sludge		No
117	0717	Sludge		No
118		Sludge		No
119		Sludge		No
120		Sludge		No
121		Sludge		No
122		Sludge		No
123		Sludge		No

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Drum #	Chemical Composition / Code	Waste Description	Remarks	Haz Block
124		Sludge	Mostly Sludge	No
125		Sludge		No
126		Sludge		No
127		Sludge		No
128		Sludge		No
129		Sludge		No
130		Sludge		No
131		Sludge		No
132		Sludge		No
133	70	Sludge	Mostly Sludge	No
134		Sludge		No
135		Sludge		No
136		Sludge	Rusty Drum	No
137		Sludge		No
138		Sludge		No
139		Sludge		No
140		Sludge		No
141	70	Sludge		No
142		Sludge		No
143		Sludge		No
144		Sludge	No Label	No
145	Dirty Solvent Only	Sludge	No Label	No
146		Sludge		No
147		Sludge		No
148		Sludge		No
149	WME 10054-A	Sludge		No
150		Sludge		No
151		Sludge		No
152		Sludge		No
153		Sludge		No
154		Sludge		No
155		Sludge		No
156		Sludge		No
157		Sludge		No
158		Sludge		No
159		Sludge		No
160		Sludge		No
161		Sludge		No
162	WPD 519	Sludge		No
163		Sludge		No
164		Sludge		No

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165		Sludge		No
166		Sludge		No
167		Sludge		No
168		Sludge		No
169	40	Sludge		No
170		Sludge		No
171		Water Base Sludge		No
172		Sludge		No
173		Water Base Sludge		No
174	100	Sludge	No Label	No
175	Bad	Sludge		No
176		Waste Water		No
177		Sludge		No
178		Sludge		No
179		Sludge		No
180		Sludge		No
181		Sludge		No
182		Sludge		No
183		Sludge		No
184		Sludge		No
185		Sludge		No
186		Sludge		No
187		Sludge		No
188		Sludge		No
189		Sludge		No
190		Sludge		No
191		Sludge		No
192		Sludge		No
193		Sludge		No
194		Sludge		No
195		Sludge		No
196		Sludge		No
197		Sludge		No
198		Sludge		No
199		Sludge		No
200		Sludge		No
201		Sludge		No
202		Sludge		No
203		Sludge		No
204		Sludge		No
205		Sludge		No

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206		Sludge		No
207		Sludge		No
208		Sludge		No
209		Sludge		No
210		Sludge		No
211		Sludge		No
212		Sludge		No
213		Sludge		No
214		Sludge		No
215		Sludge		No
216		Sludge		No
217		Sludge		No
218		Sludge		No
219		Sludge		No
220		Sludge		No
221		Sludge		No
222		Sludge		No
223		Sludge		No
224		Sludge		No
225		Sludge		No
226		Sludge		No
227		Sludge		No
228		Sludge		No
229		Sludge		No
230		Sludge		No
231		Sludge		No
232		Sludge		No
233		Sludge		No
234		Sludge		No
235		Sludge		No
236		Sludge		No
237		Sludge		No
238		Sludge		No
239		Sludge		No
240		Sludge	Empty	No
241			Empty	No
242				No
243		Sludge		No
244		Sludge		No
245		Sludge		No
246		Sludge		No



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247		Sludge		No
248		Sludge		No
249		Sludge		No
250		Sludge		No
251		Sludge		No
252		Sludge		No
253		Sludge		No
254		Sludge		No
255		Sludge		No
256		Sludge / Partially Full	No Label	No
257		Sludge / Partially Full	No Label	No
258		Sludge / Partially Full	No Label	No
259		Sludge		No
260		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
261		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
262		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
263		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
264		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
265		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
266		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
267		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
268		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
269		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
270		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
271		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
272		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
273		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
274		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
275		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
276		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
277		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
278		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
279		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
280		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
281		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
282		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
283		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
284		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
285		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
286		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
287		Solvent-Sludge		Yes

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288		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
289		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
290		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
291		Solvent-Sludge	Factory Sealed	Yes
292	Naphtha / TA-1019	VM&P Naphtha	Used	Yes
293	Naphtha	VM&P Naphtha	Used	Yes
294	Diacetone alcohol	Diacetone alcohol	Used	Yes
295	Acetone / X-9		Used	Yes
296	Acetone / X-9		Factory Sealed	Yes
297	MIBK / TK-1001	Methyl Isobutyl Ketone	Factory Sealed	Yes
298	Glycol Ether / X-30	Glycol Ether EB	Factory Sealed	Yes
299	Glycol Ether / X-30	Glycol Ether EB	Factory Sealed	Yes
300	Glycol Ether / X 31/TC1012	Glycol Ether EB	Factory Sealed	Yes
301	Toluene / TX-1011	Toluene	Factory Sealed	Yes
302	Toluene / TX-1011	Toluene	Used	Yes
303	Isobutyl Acetate	Isobutyl Acetate	Factory Sealed	Yes
304	Isobutane / TH-1009	Isobutane	used	Yes
305	Xylene	Xylene	used	Yes
306	Xylene	Xylene	used	Yes
307	Xylene	Xylene		Yes
308	X-4			Yes
309	X-9			Yes
310	X-1034			Yes
311	X-1085	Glycolate Ether-PM		Yes
312	S 424			Yes
313	X 98			Yes
314	X 299			Yes
315	X-107			Yes
316	X 105S			Yes
317	X 41 & S 419			Yes
318	X 41 & S 419			Yes
319	X 299			Yes
320	X 41		Factory Sealed	Yes
321	X 79	Sec-Butyl Alcohol		Yes
322	X 1054			Yes
323	X 1089			Yes
324	X 1069			Yes
325	X 1034			Yes
326				Yes
327				Yes
328				Yes

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329	X 1070			Yes
330	X 1070			Yes
331	X 1070			Yes
332	X 1070			Yes
333	X 4 / 6673	Mineral Spirits		Yes
334	X 4 / 6674	Mineral Spirits		Yes
335	X 4 / 6675	Mineral Spirits		Yes
336	X 4 / 6676	Mineral Spirits		Yes
337	Naphtha	100 Solvent / Petroleum Distillate	Factory Sealed	Yes
338	TH-1004	Isopropanol	Factory Sealed	Yes
339	TK-1007	MEK	Factory Sealed	Yes
340	TK-1007	MEK	Factory Sealed	Yes
341	X-60	Diocyl phthalate		Yes
342	Naphtha	150 Solvent		Yes
343	Naphtha	151 Solvent		Yes
344	Naphtha	151 Solvent		Yes
345	Naphtha	100 Solvent		Yes
346	Naphtha	101 Solvent		Yes
347	Naphtha	102 Solvent		Yes
348	Naphtha	103 Solvent	Factory Sealed	Yes
349	Naphtha / X-1014	Solvent 150 / TX 1014	Factory Sealed	Yes
350	TX 1016 / HI Sol 15	Naphtha	Factory Sealed	Yes
351	TX 1016 / HI Sol 15	Naphtha	Used	Yes
352	Propylene Glycol	Propylene Glycol		Yes
353	PM Solvent / X 1085	Glycol Ether		Yes
354	PM Solvent / X 1085	Glycol Ether		Yes
355	PM Solvent / X 1085	Glycol Ether		Yes
356	PM Solvent / X 1085	Glycol Ether	Do Not Use	Yes
357	X-19	Isobutyl Ketone	Haz Waste	Yes
358	WOD 528		Haz Waste	Yes
359	WOD 528		Haz Waste	Yes
360	WME 9015 M		Scrap	Yes
361				Yes
362	WME 10082 / J51472		Not Metal	Yes
363	Rhoplex WL 91 / WR 612			Yes
364		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
365		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
366		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
367		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
368		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
369		Solvent Sludge		Yes

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370		Solvent Sludge		Yes
371		Solvent-Sludge	Haz Waste	Yes
372		Solvent-Sludge	Haz Waste	Yes
373		Solvent-Sludge	Haz Waste	Yes
374		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
375		Low Gloss Black / Solvent Sludge		Yes
376		Low Gloss Black / Solvent Sludge		Yes
377		Low Gloss Black / Solvent Sludge		Yes
378		Low Gloss Black / Solvent Sludge		Yes
379		Low Gloss Black / Solvent Sludge		Yes
380		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
381		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
382		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
383		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
384		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
385		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
386		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
387		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
388		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
389		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
390		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
391		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
392		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
393		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
394		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
395		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
396		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
397		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
398		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
399		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
400		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
401		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
402		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
403		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
404		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
405		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
406		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
407		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
408		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
409		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
410		Solvent-Sludge		Yes

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411		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
412		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
413		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
414		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
415		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
416		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
417		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
418		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
419		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
420		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
421		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
422		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
423		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
424		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
425		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
426		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
427		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
428		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
429		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
430		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
431		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
432		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
433		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
434		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
435		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
436		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
437		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
438		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
439		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
440		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
441		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
442		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
443		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
444		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
445		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
446		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
447		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
448		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
449		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
450		Solvent-Sludge	Leaking	Yes
451		Grey Color Liquid		Yes

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452		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
453		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
454		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
455		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
456		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
457		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
458		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
459		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
460		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
461		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
462		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
463		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
464		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
465		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
466		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
467		Solvent-Sludge	Non-hazardous	Yes
468			Non-hazardous	Yes
469				Yes
470		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
471		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
472	Diesel Fuel	Diesel Fuel	Junk	Yes
473				Yes
474		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
475		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
476		Solvent-Sludge		Yes
477		Solvent-Sludge		Yes

**RMF Environmental, Inc.**  
**671 Spencer, Toledo, OH 43609**

***Proposal***

***Disposal of hazardous material drums:***

Total number of full drums: 218 + 7

**Assume the following:**

Recoverable solvents (factory sealed):	16 drums at	\$42	\$672
Liquid material (< 3" sludge):	50 drums at	\$66	\$3300
Sludge material (> 3" sludge):	125 drums at	\$150	\$18750
Solid (rock hard)	34 drums at	\$240	\$8160
Transportation (\$720/88 drum load)	3 loads at	\$720	\$2160
Estimated total cost for hazardous material disposal			\$33042

***Disposal of non hazardous material drums:***

Total number of full drums: 252

**Assume the following:**

Liquid material (< 3" sludge):	10 drums at	\$54	\$540
Sludge material (> 3" sludge):	215 drums at	\$90	\$19350
Solid (rock hard)	27 drums at	\$114	\$3078
Transportation (\$720/88 drum load)	3 loads at	\$720	\$2160
Estimated total cost for non hazardous material disposal			\$25128

Estimated cost of full drums (hazardous and non hazardous) disposal: **\$58170**

**Note:** The above cost estimate does not include the cost for the disposal of the empty drums or the drums which are partially full, because the contents is not yet known.

***Disposal cost of the non-contaminated soil:***

Assume 550 cubic yards at	\$42	\$23100
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# Exemption 5 Deliberative Process



# Exemption 5 Deliberative Process

# Exemption 5 Attorney Client

CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY  
Automotive Finishes, Inc.  
Wayne County, Dearborn, MI

*Draft*

Name: Fred J. Dery, Trustee Automotive Finishes, Inc.

Property: 6430 Wyoming, Ave.  
Dearborn, MI 48126

I, Fred J. Dery, as Trustee for Automotive Finishes, Inc., consent to officers, employees, contractors, and authorized representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) entering and having continued unconditional access to this property to conduct the following activities:

- The taking of such drum, container, soil, sediment, water, and air samples as may be determined to be necessary;
- The drilling of holes and installation of monitoring wells for subsurface investigation;
- Other actions related to the investigation of surface or subsurface contamination; and
- The taking of response action including characterization, packaging and disposal of drums and other hazardous wastes and hazardous materials present on site.

I realize that these actions taken by U.S. EPA are undertaken pursuant to its response and enforcement responsibilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq.

This written permission is given by me voluntarily with knowledge of my right to refuse and without threats or promises of any kind.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Exemption 5 Attorney Client

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**AFI SITE**  
Dearborn, MI

**CASE SUMMARY**

12/5

-Site- City of Dearborn brought in EPA. Approx 800-1,000 barells seen from outside of facility in a fenced area. Some barrels are leaking = TIME CRITICAL REMOVAL.

- CFI - Is in bankruptcy. There is a Trustee who is represented by counsel. Trustee is willing to set aside some \$ for removal of barrels and UST compliance, however, it may only be \$800,000. This is not enough. MI Ags office has spoke w/trustee about setting \$ aside for cleanup of site.

- REMOVAL - P.C. Lall (OSC) called me about getting access to site to do a site assessment. City of Dearborn has requested this. ~~Removal~~<sup>Site Ass</sup> would take 1-2 days (absent surprises) and would involve sampling of drums and soil; on-site monitoring.

**-TO DO-**

- 1) speak with Gary at Ags office about whats happening w/bankruptcy and \$ for cleanup.
- 2) call Trustee's atty about site access ltr and "Access to Property" form.

**CONTACT SHEET**  
**Automotive Finishes**  
**6430 Wyoming Ave.**  
**Dearborn MI**

U.S. EPA:

Bebora Dawley Haidar (Enforcement Specialist) 6-7179

P.C. Lall (-Partab) (OSC) (313) 692-7685; FAX (313) 692-7677

MI Ags Office:

Gary Finkbeiner (attorney - working w/AFI Trustee) (517) 373-8901

Kathy Corson (Enviro Quality Anaylist) (517) 335-3396

MI DEQ

*Jeanne Schlauffman, (Project Manager, UST Division)*  
*(313) 953-1527; Fax (313) 953-0243*

AFI

Fred J. Dery (Trustee)

Samuel Sweet (Trustee's Attorney) (810) 528-6500

Beatle, Burket & Sweet

1607 E. Big Beaver, Suite 205

Troy, MI 48083

# Exemption 5 Attorney Client



# CONVERSATION RECORD

3:00

DATE

12/5/86

TYPE

☐ VISIT

☐ CONFERENCE

☒ TELEPHONE

☐ INCOMING

☐ OUTGOING

Location of Visit/Conference:

NAME OF PERSON(S) CONTACTED OR IN CONTACT WITH YOU

Kathy Carson

ORGANIZATION (Office, dept., bureau, etc.)

enviro. Quality Analyst

TELEPHONE NO.

577  
335-3386

SUBJECT

AFI - AGS role

ROUTING

NAME/SYMBOL

IN

SUMMARY

Gary F. is out of office all week. Kathy works on Bankruptcy issues and doesn't know site personally. She does know that Gary spoke w/ the AFI trustee who may be willing to set aside \$ for disposal of barrels and address concerns of MI's UST program.

She is faxing me info. on AFI from UST program.

ACTION REQUIRED

Call Gary on Monday

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION

SIGNATURE

DATE

ACTION TAKEN

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

# CONVERSATION RECORD

TIME

3:00

DATE

12/5

TYPE

☐ VISIT

☐ CONFERENCE

☒ TELEPHONE

☐ INCOMING

☐ OUTGOING

Location of Visit/Conference:

NAME OF PERSON(S) CONTACTED OR IN CONTACT WITH YOU

ORGANIZATION (Office, dept., bureau, etc.)

TELEPHONE NO.

P. Co. Lall (-Portab) OSC

313

692-7677

SUBJECT

AFTI - status and site access

ROUTING

NAME/SYMBOL

IN

SUMMARY

City of Dearborn brought EPA in to do site assessment. AFTI is in Bankruptcy. AG's office is trying to get \$ for cleanup from the trustee.

Trustee: Fred J. Dery

Lawyer: Samuel Sweet (810) 528-6500  
Troy, MI

Site Location: 6430 Wyoming Ave  
Dearborn MI

MI AG's: Gary Finkbeiner (517) 373-8901

Kathy Carson (517) 335-3396

Site Evaluation

ACTION REQUIRED

Get Access Agreement

NAME OF PERSON DOCUMENTING CONVERSATION

SIGNATURE

DATE

ACTION TAKEN

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

saw about 1,000 barrels on the outside,  
some leaking. → thinks this is a  
time critical removal.

P.C. needs access for 1-2 days  
to: sample drums, soil etc...  
on-site monitoring

**TITLE SEARCH REQUEST FORM**  
**CONTRACT #68-W4-0015**  
**DYNAMAC CORP. WA# C05008**

DATE REQUESTED: Jan. 16, 1997

(NOTE: TITLE SEARCH IS DUE WITHIN 3 WEEKS FROM DATE FAXED)

PRELIMINARY REPORT REQUESTED?

☐ YES

☒ XX

☐ NO

SITE NAME & ADDRESS (ADDRESS OR SPECIFIC LOCATION):

Automotive Finishes, Inc. (AFI)

6430 and 6450 Wyoming

Dearborn, MI 48126

(About ½ mile north of Ford Rd.)

ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST:

Debora Dawley Haidar

(312) 886-7179

SITE ID NUMBER (IF KNOWN):

A579

HOW FAR BACK SHOULD SEARCH GO?

Current owner(s) only

LEGAL OR OWNERSHIP INFORMATION KNOWN:

AFI is thought to own one parcel, and lease the other from a Trust (unknown). The main goal of the search is to identify the trust, and to see if there may be any other owners of the property.

An additional question, if possible under this title search, is: Are there any liens on the property?

INFORMATION AMERICA DATA INCLUDED:

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO X \_\_\_\_\_

(IF NO PLEASE EXPLAIN):

N/A

MAP AVAILABLE?

☐ YES

☐ NO

☒ XX

SIGN-OFF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
WAM, Ruth A. Miles

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Phone: (312) 353-6431

\_\_\_\_\_  
Project Officer, Thomas Short

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Phone: (312) 353-8826

DATE FAXED: \_\_\_\_\_

DYNAMAC FAX NO: (312) 466-0266

CC: Marshall D. McReynolds, CO (MCC-10J)  
Thomas Short, PO (SM-5J)

Ruth A. Miles, WAM; Gail Nabasny, Alternate WAM (SE-5J)  
Enforcement Specialist (SE-5J)

**ORC ATTORNEY ASSIGNMENT FORM** (April 1996 version)

CASE/MATTER NAME: Automotive Finishes, Inc.

PROGRAM ASSIGNEE: Debora Dawley Haidar Phone: 6-7179  
OSC: P.C. Lall Phone: (313)692-7685

FACILITY NAME: Automotive Finishes, Inc.

ADDRESS:	CITY: Dearborn	STATE: MI
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COUNTY:	ZIP CODE:	
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PROPOSED RESPONDENTS/PRPs: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT ☒ JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT ☐

BID PROTEST ☐ PROTEST NO.

GRANT ASSISTANCE DISPUTE ☐ AGREEMENT NO. AUDIT NO.

PERMIT ☐ DEFENSIVE CASE ☐ APPEALED TO EAB ☐  
OTHER COUNSEL MATTER ☒

LAW/SECTION (Statute and Section which **authorize** action, e.g. CAA/113(d), CERCLA/106): Cercla/106

LAW/SECTION (Statute and Section **violated**, or that provides requirement to be enforced, e.g. RCRA/3004, CAA/112): CAA/112

POLLUTANTS: abandoned finisher/solvents

Is the matter in geographic initiative area? Which one?

Is the matter multi-media?

Comments: city of dearborn requested site assessment/need access to perform site assessment. PRP is going through bankruptcy.

PROGRAM PERSON TO WHOM FORM RETURNED WHEN COMPLETED: Ingrid Kay/P.C. Lall

**ORC ATTORNEY ASSIGNMENT**  
(Completed by ORC Section Chief)

DATE RECEIVED: 12/2/96	BRANCH: MM Br.II	SECTION: 1/Garber
ATTORNEY NAME: <i>Craig Peter Melodia Felitti</i>	PHONE: 3-8870	DATE ASSIGNED: 12/4/96

ORC Manager: Forward completed form to Cheryl Klebenow, C-29A, 886-6771

**TO BE COMPLETED BY ORC DOCKET ANALYST**

RMTS MATTER NUMBER: 05-9

*Site ID 4579*

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Mary Vanderlaan  
Environmental Response Division  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
38980 Seven Mile Road  
Livonia, Michigan 48152-1006

Subject: Automotive Finishes, Inc., (AFI) Site, Dearborn, Michigan

Dear Ms. Vanderlaan:

This letter is written pursuant to our March 14, 1997, teleconference with Mr. Finkbeiner Esq., of the Michigan Attorney General's Office as well as your letter dated March 17, 1997.

Under the term of settlement between the state and the trustees for the AFI, the removal of hazardous wastes and hazardous materials will be conducted by the trustees under the DEQ oversight. Effective March 14, 1997, your office has assumed the oversight duties and would be the point of contact for any AFI site related issues.

Sincerely,

/s/

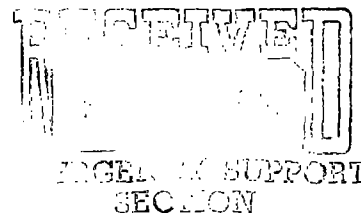
Partap C. Lall, P.E.  
On-Scene Coordinator

cc: F. Weiss, City of Dearborn, w/enc.

bcc: File, w/enc.

J. El-Zein, w/enc.

P. Felitti, ORC, w/enc. ✓



Rebun,

Abba is a letter I got

from DC. regarding the Site. Sorry

I took so long to get it to

you. Love

4/30/92

Leo M. Endicott

Print Originator's Name  
Ecology and Environment, IRECORD OF COMMUNICATION

Conversation with:

Name Bill Van Etten

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Area Code) (Number)

Subject Auto finishesDate 4 / 30 / 92

(Mo) (Day) (Year)

Time 10 00 AM PM☒ Originator Placed Call☐ Originator Received Call

TDD# \_\_\_\_\_ PAN# \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion: Asked if soil / H<sub>2</sub>O testing was completed in  
UST areaHe said yes, there was contamination  
to & a company is cleaning it up under  
MDNR guidance

Follow-Up-Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Originator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Leo M. Endicott



4/16/92

Lisa Ende  
Print Originator's Name  
Ecology and Environment, Inc

# RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

Conversation with:

Name Bill Van Etkin

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 313 - 582 - 2222

(Area Code) (Number)

Subject UST doc

Date 4 / 16 / 92  
(Mo) (Day) (Year)

Time 1055 AM / PM

☒ Originator Placed Call

☐ Originator Received Call

TDD# 705201009 PAN# EM11277SAA

Discussion:

Thanked him for document  
verifying UST removed. asked

① Do you have any chemical storage  
tanks or oil storage on site

- no outside storage @ all
- chemicals (bulk resins) stored inside  
building
- no oil storage at all

Follow-Up-Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Originator's Signature: Lisa Ende

4/16/92

LISA Ende  
Print Originator's Name  
Ecology and Environment, Inc.

# RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

Conversation with:

Name Montez Bill Van Eton

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 313 - 582-2222

(Area Code) (Number)

Subject \_\_\_\_\_

Date 4 / 16 / 92  
(Mo) (Day) (Year)

Time 940 AM / PM

[ ☒ ] Originator Placed Call

[ ☐ ] Originator Received Call

TDD# 7059201009 PAN# EM E12775AA

Discussion:

requested document for 1157 removal  
verification

he said he'd fax it over

Follow-Up-Action:

fax received

Originator's Signature:

Lisa Ende

4/15/92

Lisa Mendo  
Print Originator's Name  
Ecology and Environment, Inc

## RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

Conversation with:

Name

Secretary

Address

Date

4 / 15 / 92  
(Mo) (Day) (Year)

Time

1315 AM/PM

☒ Originator Placed Call

☐ Originator Received Call

Phone

313 - 582 2220

(Area Code) (Number)

TDD# 1059201009 PAN# EMI12775AA

Subject

Automotive finishes USTS

Discussion:

CB re: documentation of UST's

being pulled on 10/91

(Bell Van Ekin?) info given to (just heard  
her think aloud.

info will be passed this afternoon  
or this morning 4/16/92

Follow-Up-Action:

Originator's Signature:

Lisa Mendo

4/15/92

Leam Ende  
Print Originator's Name  
Ecology and Environment, Inc.

# RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

Conversation with:

Name Secretary

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 313 - 582 2222

(Area Code) (Number)

Subject Automotive finishes

Date 4 / 14 / 92  
(Mo) (Day) (Year)

Time 10 45 (AM/PM)

☒ Originator Placed Call

☐ Originator Received Call

TDD# 7059201009 PAN# EM112775A4

Discussion: Secretary took message

"documentation 3 AST's were pulled  
in 10/91 by Fri morning @ latest"

gave her my phone + fax #'s

she would not reveal any names.

Follow-Up-Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Originator's Signature: Leam Ende

4/14/92

Lisa M Ende

Print Originator's Name  
Ecology and Environment, Inc.

## RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

Conversation with:

Name **Not Responsive**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone **Not Responsive**

(Area Code) (Number)

Date 4 / 14 / 92  
(Mo) (Day) (Year)

Time 9:45 / 1000 (AM) (PM)

☒ Originator Placed Call

☐ Originator Received Call

TDD# 059201009 PAN# EMI12775AA

Subject request UST removal docs. re: Automotive finishes

Discussion:

Phone # disconnected

called diaform.

**Not Responsive**

new # is

No

changed to

**Not Responsive**

on phone; call back

10:20

AA dont have info re: records  
need to maintain, 3 yrs.

removal records for.

Follow-Up-Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Originator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Lisa M Ende*

4/2/92

RECALL

Sammy Siskin  
 Print Originator's Name  
 Ecology and Environment, Inc

## RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

Conversation with:

Date 4 / 2 / 92  
(Mo) (Day) (Year)Name 1 Automotive FinishesTime 11:20 AM/PM

Address \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Originator Placed Call☐ Originator Received CallPhone 313 - 582 2222

(Area Code) (Number)

TDD# 05-9201-009 PAN# EMI1277 SAASubject Automotive Finishes

Discussion:

Question do you store oil and paint? what is the  
capacity. Did you remove the HSE, is there any records of  
oil burning and ground water to accommodate the companies of removal?  
with the applicable regulations. Copies if possible.

NO call back!

Follow-Up-Action: \_\_\_\_\_

Originator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

3/17/92

Sammy Sirhan  
 Print Originator's Name  
 Ecology and Environment, Inc

returning Call

## RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

Conversation with:

Name **Not Responsive**

Address North Hill Fire Marshall

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Area Code) (Number)

Date 3 / 17 / 92  
 (Mo) (Day) (Year)  
 Time 15:30 AM/PM

☐ Originator Placed Call

☒ Originator Received Call

TDD# 059201-009 PAN# ENT 1277-00A

Subject Automotive Finishes Site

Discussion:

**Not Responsive**

returned my call and requested more info about the US location Automotive Finishes property and I gave the address of the company. He reviewed the data base and told me there is no registration of any US belonging to that company and he will send an investigator tomorrow to assess the site and some more info will be available to us if we call back tomorrow.

At the same time I called **Not Responsive** to verify the address of the company (5830 Weymington Avenue) he told yes this is the correct address and he'll also look it up on his old pay stubs and will call me back if there is any discrepancies in the address.

He (**Not Responsive**) called me back and he gave me the following address 6830 Weymington Ave. in addition to the above mentioned address.

Follow-Up-Action: Clearing **Not Responsive** Call

Page 1 of 2

Originator's Signature: Sammy Sirhan

3/17/92

Print Originator's Name  
Ecology and Environment, Inc

## RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

Conversation with:

Date 3 / 17 / 92  
(Mo) (Day) (Year)

Name See page 1

Time \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

Address \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Originator Placed Call

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Originator Received Call

(Area Code) (Number)

TDD# 05-9201-009 PAN# EMT 1277.SAASubject Automotive Finishes

Discussion: Then I called the Fire Marshall office (Not Responsive)  
with this information. He told that he was trying to  
call me because he found information in his files about Auto-  
motive Finishes. He told me that 5 UST's had been removed  
and reported removed to his office from Automotive Finishes  
property at 6830 Weyman Ave. Thus the caller had  
all info. I thanked him and signed off.

Follow-Up Action: NFA (No Further Action)Originator's Signature: [Signature]

3/17/92



3/17/92

Sammy Siskin  
 Print Originator's Name  
 Ecology and Environment, Inc

## RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

Conversation with:

Date 3 / 17 / 92  
(Mo) (Day) (Year)Name Not Responsive

Time \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

Address Dearborn, MI☒ Originator Placed Call☐ Originator Received CallPhone Not Responsive

(Area Code) (Number)

TDD# 05-9201-009 PAN# EMF 1277 SAASubject Automotive Finishes Site

Discussion:

*I requested more info about MUSTS @  
 Automotive Finishes Company. Mr. Klein informed  
 me that North Hill Fire Marshall @ 313/3801100  
 is handling that area and I should approach him for  
 more info. I called North Hill Fire Marshall and  
 left a message to call me back.*

Follow-Up-Action:

*awaiting this return of my phone call.*

Originator's Signature:

*Sammy Siskin*

3/13/92

Print Originator's Name  
Ecology and Environment, Inc

## RECORD OF COMMUNICATION

Conversation with:

Name **Not Responsive**

Address **Not Responsive**

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Area Code) (Number)

Date 3 / 13 / 92  
(Mo) (Day) (Year)  
Time \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM

☐ Originator Placed Call

☐ Originator Received Call

TDD# 05-9201-009 PAN# ENT 1277 SAA

Subject Automotive Finisher

Discussion:

I called **Not Responsive** to verify how he knew about the leaking UST's and to confirm the TCR report information. **Not Responsive** told that he worked for this company and every time they pump chemicals out of the UST's they pump Dand with it. He also said that some other companies using the same UST for some other chemicals. He told me I should call him if I need more informations. I thanked him and signed off.

Follow-Up Action:

Call as needed bases.

Originator's Signature: Sung Jee

09/08/1987 05:33 FROM

TO 15137333422

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FPA-20 (4-91)

Facility Number 0-001145STATE OF MICHIGAN  
Fire Marshal Division  
Hazardous Materials SectionUNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK  
REGISTRATION CERTIFICATEFacility Address:  
6430 WYOMING AVE.  
DEARBORN, MI 48126Owner: AUTOMOTIVE FINISHES, INC.  
6430 WYOMING AVE.  
DEARBORN, MI 48126*Wade Schaefer*  
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Pursuant to: 1984 PA 423, this certificate must be displayed at the facility location referenced above.

The following tanks have been duly registered at this facility:

<u>Tank Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Substance Stored</u>
1	10,000 Gal - Removed	
2	10,000 Gal - Removed	
3	10,000 Gal - Removed	
4	10,000 Gal - Removed	
5	6,000 Gal - Removed	

REC'D

FEB 25 92

AUTOMOTIVE FINISHES

REC'D

FEB 25 92

AUTOMOTIVE FINISHES

7/1/92



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INTERNATIONAL SPECIALISTS in the ENVIRONMENT

PHONE: (312) 663-0415

TELECOPIER: (312) 663-0791

## TELECOPIER TRANSMISSION FORM

DATE: 4/1/92 TIME: 13:05 TOTAL NO. OF PAGES: 4  
(including this form)

TO: TOM SPARBD

COMPANY: E+E

TELECOPIER PHONE NO.: (513) 733-3422

FROM: KIRSTEN ELVEKROG

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: I WILL BE CHARGING 2 ADDITIONAL HOURS  
TO THIS PROJECT THIS WEEK. PLEASE CONTACT TOM  
KOURLS REGARDING THE FILE SEARCH SOP WE  
DISCUSSED.

For Operator's Use Only

JOE CHARGE: \_\_\_\_\_

SENT BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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International Specialists in the Environment

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Tom Spargo, ATATL, Cincinnati  
**From:** Kirsten Elvekrog, TAT, Chicago *KE*  
**Date:** April 1, 1992  
**Subject:** File Review for Seven Michigan Site Assessments

A file review was conducted at the Region V U.S. EPA in order to gather background information on seven Michigan sites. The following divisions or databases were searched for information pertaining to these sites:

1. RCRA

The city and alphabetical RCRA databases were searched to determine if any of the sites are under RCRA regulation. Files of sites with entries in these databases were pulled and reviewed for any relevant information.  
Contact: Mary Villareal (312) 886-7439

2. CERCLA

The alphabetical CERCLIS database was searched to determine if any of the sites have had any activity under the Superfund program. Files of sites with entries in this database were pulled and reviewed for any relevant information.  
Contact: James Bell (312) 886-0393

3. FINDS

The FINDS database was also reviewed to determine if any of the sites are covered by another division of the EPA. These divisions were then contacted to gather additional information.

4. ENFORCEMENT & COMPLIANCE MONITORING

The database of active sites was reviewed to determine if any sites were currently being monitored. No sites were identified.  
Contact: Laura LoDisio (312) 349-8390

5. OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE

This division was contacted to determine if any sites are under the jurisdiction of the Office of Solid Waste. No sites were identified.  
Contact: Andrew Tschampa (312) 886-0976

The results of the file search are detailed on the following page.

*Does the FINDS include  
TSU?*

RCV BY:ecology & environment ; 4- 1-92 2:05PM ;  
SENT BY:REGION 05 CHICAGO, IL ; 4- 1-92 1:06PM ;

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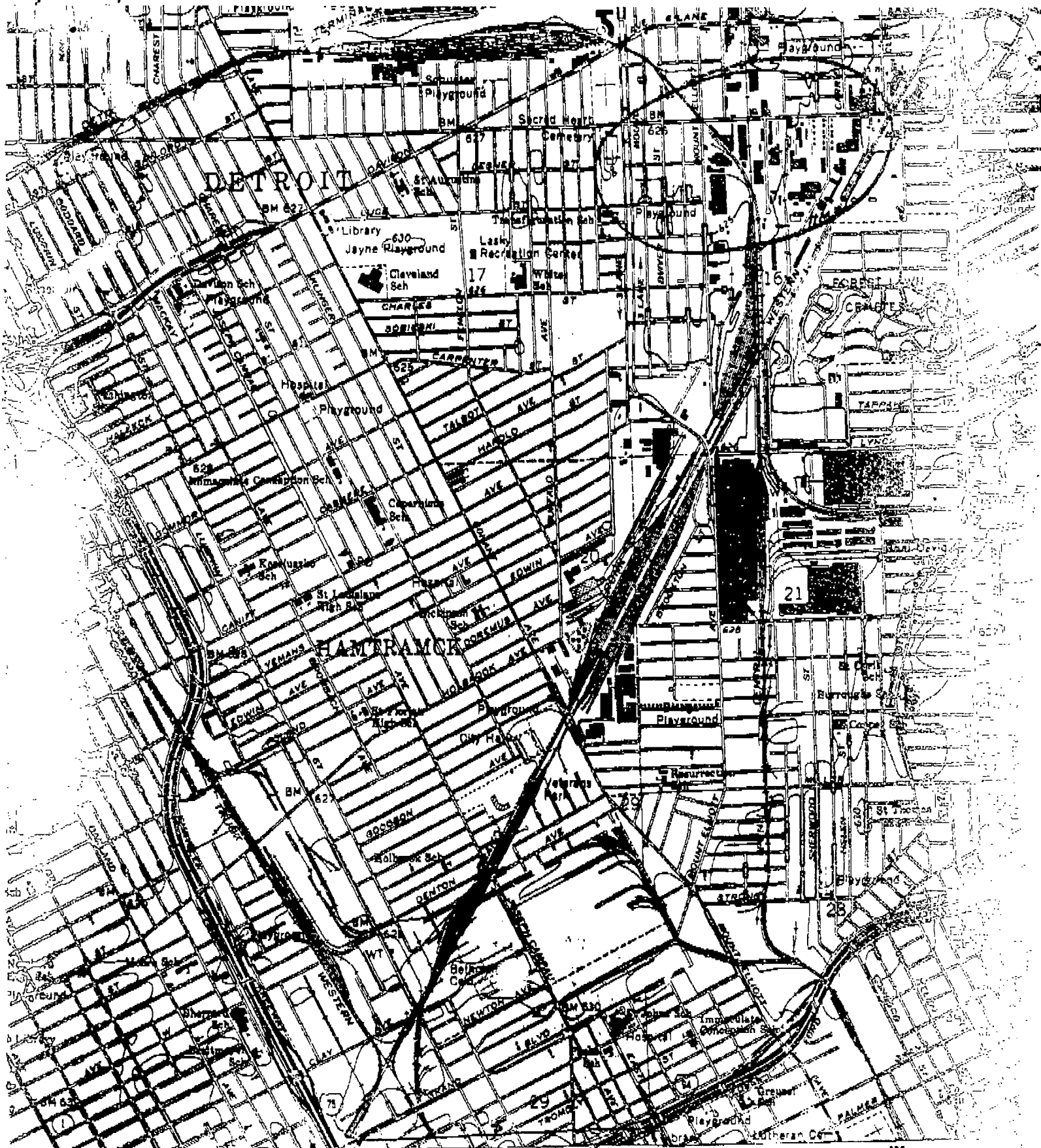
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SEVEN MICHIGAN SITES

# Not Responsive

3. Automotive Finishes: A site was identified in the RCRA database with this name and a very similar address. The site in RCRA was located at 6450 Wyoming, as opposed to 3880 Wyoming. A topographic map with the location of this site is attached. This site (MID005353651, zip code - 48126) submitted a Part A permit on 6/25/80, but the permit was later withdrawn. No other information is available.

# Not Responsive



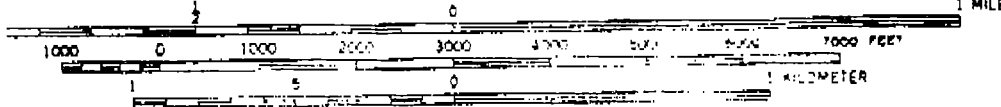
129 DETROIT (CIVIC CENTER) 3.4 MI. (DETROIT)

7 MI. TO U.S. 12 ANN ARBOR 42 MI.

2°30'132

133 DETROIT (CIVIC CENTER)

4388' ± SE  
SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET  
24° 15' MEAN SEA LEVEL

*AUTOMOTIVE FINISHES*

Primary  
hard surface  
Secondary  
hard surface

**SITE ASSESSMENT REPORT**

**FOR**

**AUTOMOTIVE FINISHES**

**U.S. EPA ID: NA**

**SSID: NA**

**TDD: T05-9201-009**

**PAN: EMI1277SAA**

**May 15, 1992**

**Prepared for:**

**Duane Heaton**

**Deputy Project Officer**

**Emergency Support Section**

**EPA - REGION V**

**Contract Number: 68-WO-0037**

Prepared by: *JMM For Lisa E. & Co* Date: *5/13/92*  
Reviewed by: *Sammy Sirhan* Date: *5/15/92*  
Approved by: *[Signature]* Date: *5/15/92*



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SUBJECT: Site Assessment Letter Report for  
Automotive Finishes  
Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan  
TDD: 05-9201-009  
PAN: EMI1277SAA

The Ecology and Environment, Inc., Technical Assistance Team (TAT) was tasked by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) through Technical Directive Document (TDD) #05-9201-009 to perform a site assessment of Automotive Finishes. The TAT conducted an extensive background search and completed telephone interviews with a company representative and the local Fire Marshall. It was not necessary for the TAT team to visit this site. The TAT coordinated its activities and communicated its findings to the U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC), Robert Buckley. This letter report summarizes the TAT activities and constitutes the final deliverable for this site.

This site came to the attention of the U.S. EPA in July, 1991 when an anonymous caller contacted the U.S. EPA-sponsored hotline. The caller reported Automotive Finishes was disposing various chemicals, including toluene and other solvents into corroded underground storage tanks (USTs). According to the Telecommunication Report (TCR) filed when the caller phoned the hotline, the caller believed the USTs were structurally unsound because he observed sand being pumped from the tanks each time the chemicals were pumped out.

Automotive Finishes is located at 3830 Wyoming Avenue, Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan. The site is an active painting facility. The underground storage tanks are jointly operated by the AF and other firms in the neighborhood.

In order to determine the status of the USTs, the TAT telephoned the local Fire Marshall's office. The UST program for that area is being administered and supervised by the local fire department.

On March 17, 1992, Fire Marshall, Solomon Malik, was contacted. He stated that the tanks were removed in 1991 and properly reported to his office. The TAT then telephoned Mr. Bill Van Etten of Automotive Finishes to request documentation verifying the removal of the USTs. Mr. Van Etten forwarded an UST Registration Certificate, verifying the removal of five USTs in October, 1991.

Based on the documentation sent by Mr. Van Etten, the removed tanks included four 10,000 gallon and one 6,000 gallon tanks. During a follow up conversation with Mr. Van Etten, three areas of interest were discussed: 1) current outside chemical storage existence, 2) oil facility storage, and 3) sampling activities to determine soil and groundwater contamination. Mr. Van Etten stated no outside chemical or oil storage exists. Mr. Van Etten also informed the TAT that testing was completed and contamination was confirmed. The site is presently being cleaned up by a contractor under the guidance of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

In summary, the TAT has documentation which indicates that five USTs at Automotive Finishes have been removed and the clean-up of contamination is being monitored by the MDNR. Upon conferring with OSC Robert Buckley, he advised the TAT that no further actions were necessary and recommended closure of the TDD.

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